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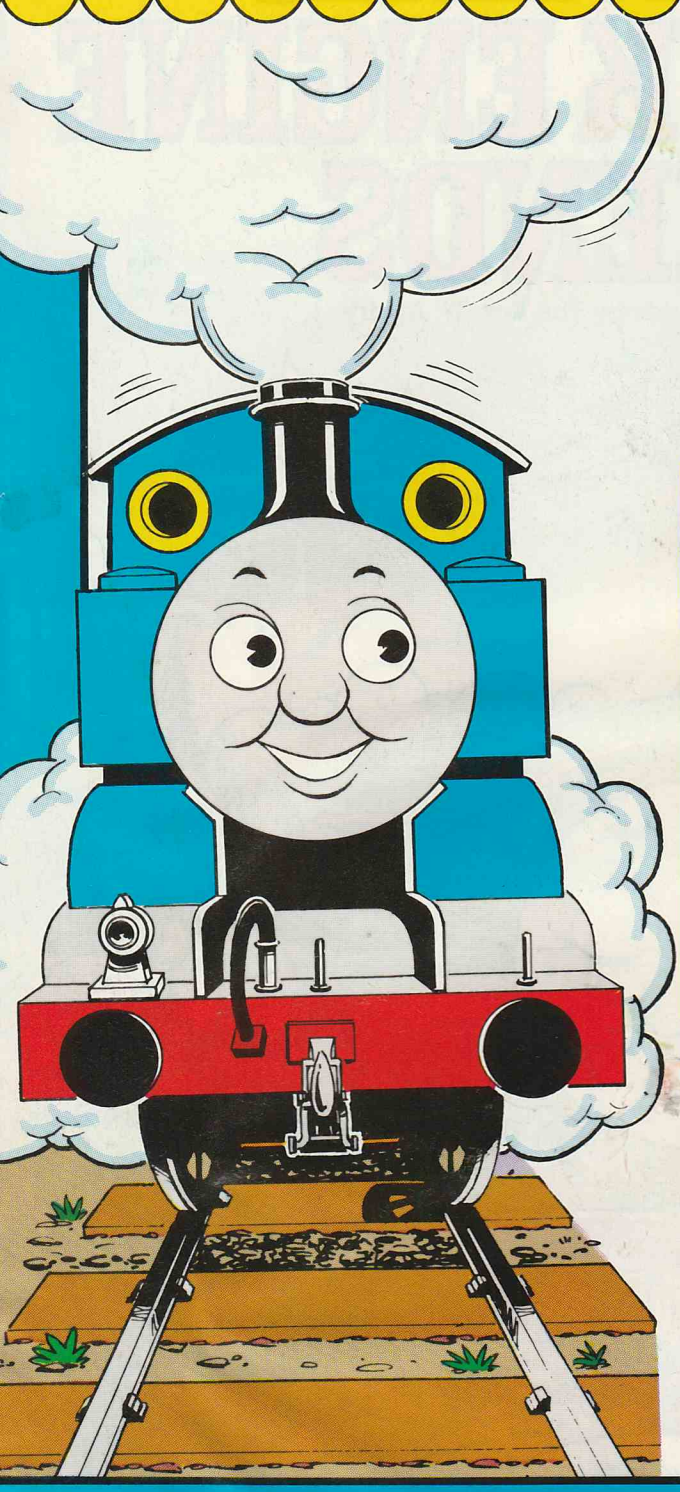

Peep! Peep! Duck is a Great Western Railway Saddle Tank Engine and he helps the Fat Controller by pulling trucks on the Island of Sodor. One day, Duck is given a routine inspection at the works yard. After his service he feels like a new engine again and he works harder than ever! The Fat Controller will have to persuade Duck to have a rest! Read all about Duck in the story that begins on page 3! Peep! Peep!

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In this splendid issue of **Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends**, you have the chance to be the proud owner of a brand new range of **Thomas Miniature Adventure Playsets** *ERTL (UK) Ltd!* Turn to page **12** for our exciting competition details!

In our next issue: Thomas has to carry extra ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ passengers! ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

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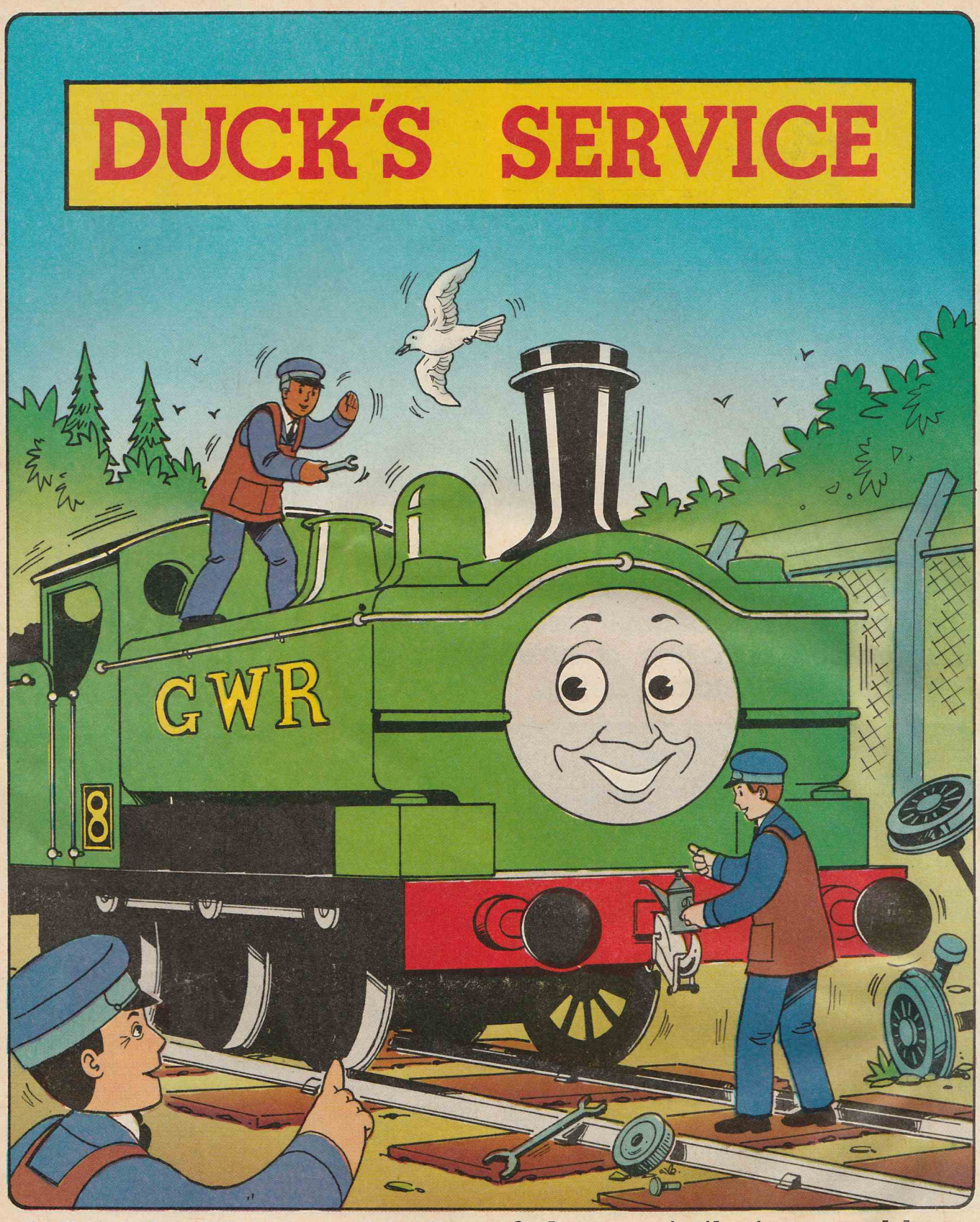
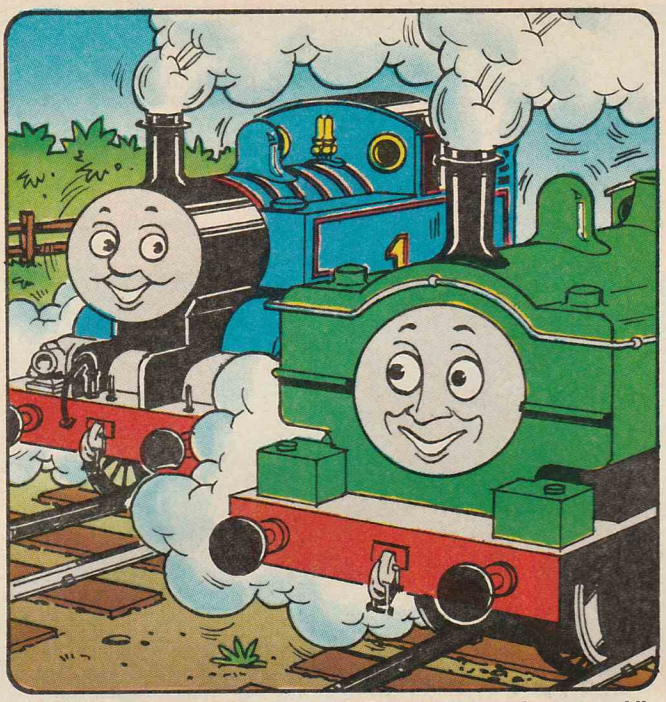
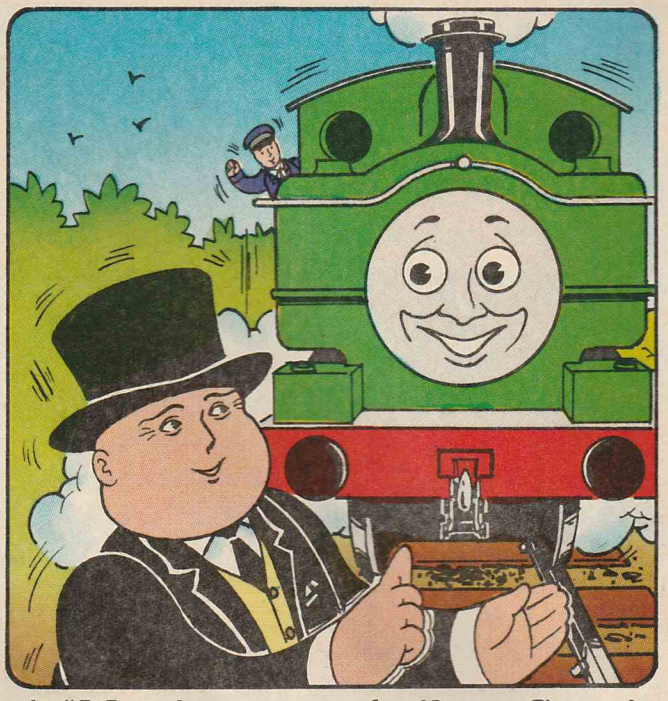


1. Duck had been sent to the Work's Yard for a routine service. The engineers were giving him a full inspection and would finish him off with a good clean.

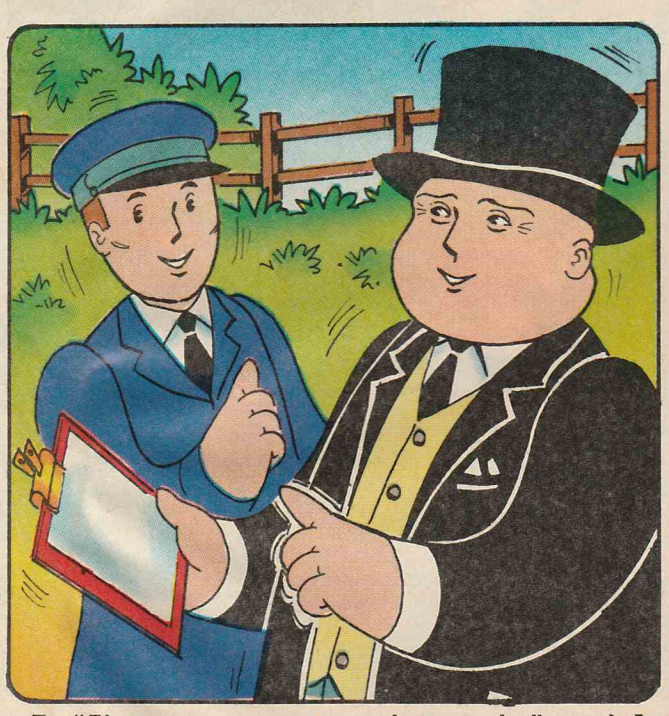
2. Any parts that were old or worn, the engineers were to replace. By the time they were finished, Duck felt as if he was a brand new engine and ready for work!



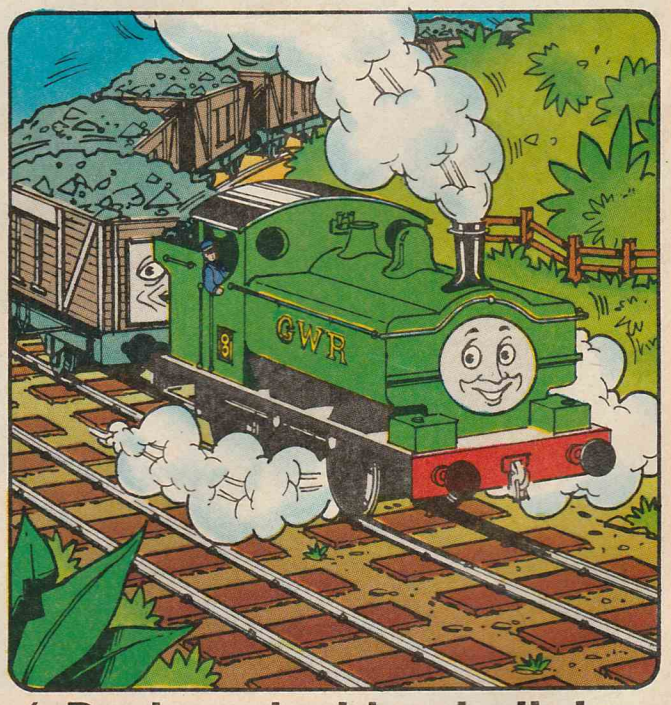
3. "Peep! Peep! Look at me!" whistled Duck proudly as he pulled into the Main Station Yard. "You're so shiny!" said Thomas. "I feel like a new engine!" said Duck.



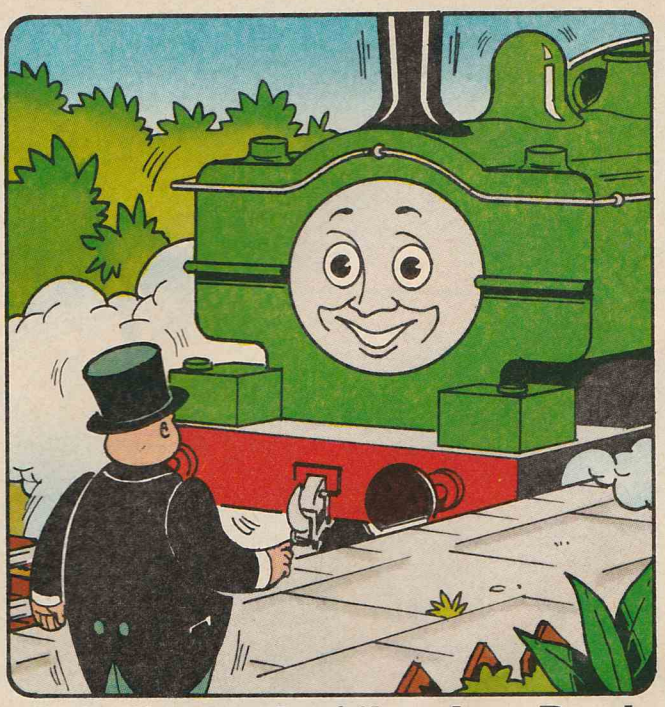
4. "Montague of the Great Western Railway reporting for duty, sir!" said Duck to the Fat Controller. "I see," said the Fat Controller. "It is Montague again, is it?"



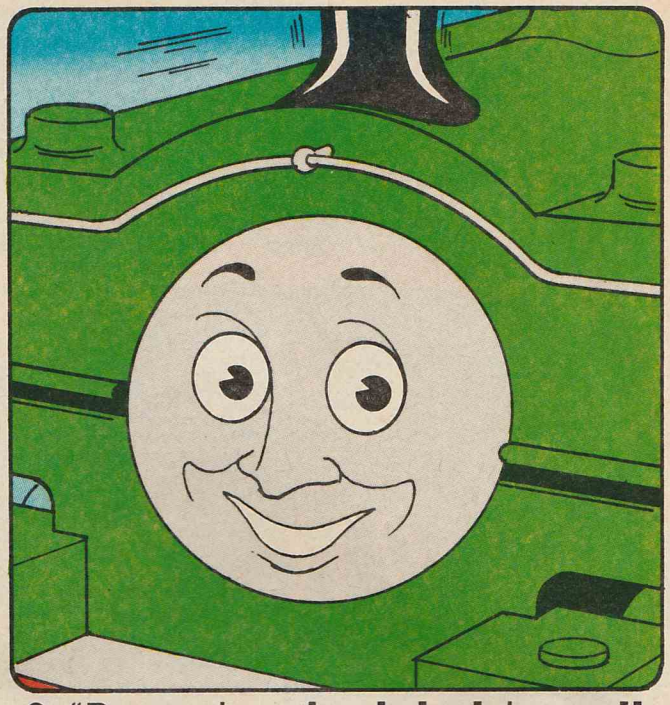
5. "I'm a new engine, sir," said Duck. "But you can still call me Duck." "Thank you, Duck," said the Fat Controller, as he handed Duck's driver his timetable.



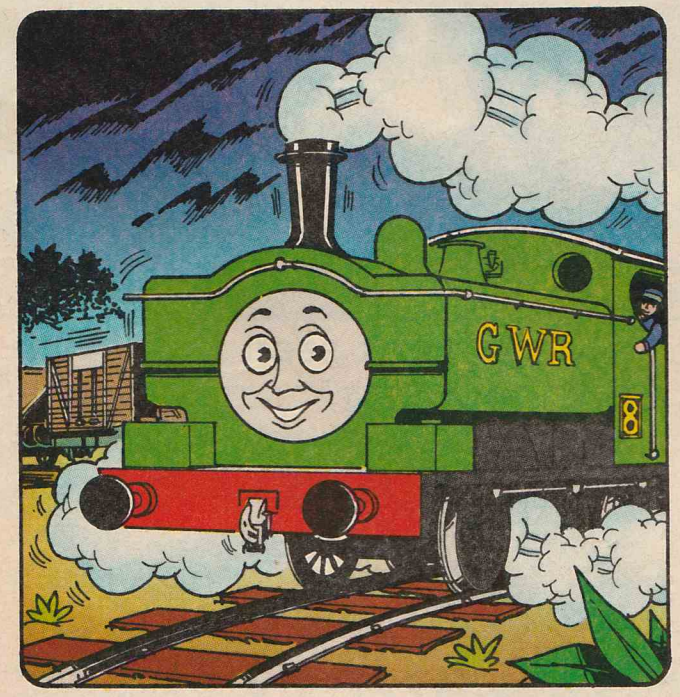
6. Duck worked hard all day travelling up and down the mainline. He pulled goods trains and passenger trains and the more he worked the better he felt!



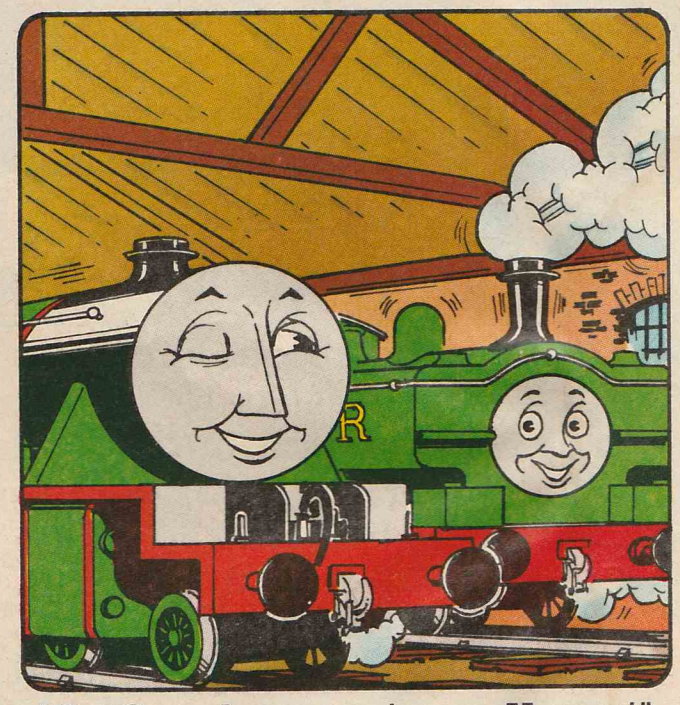
7. At the end of the day, Duck wasn't tired at all, he still wanted to carry on working. "Please, sir," he asked the Fat Controller. "Can I take the post train tonight?"



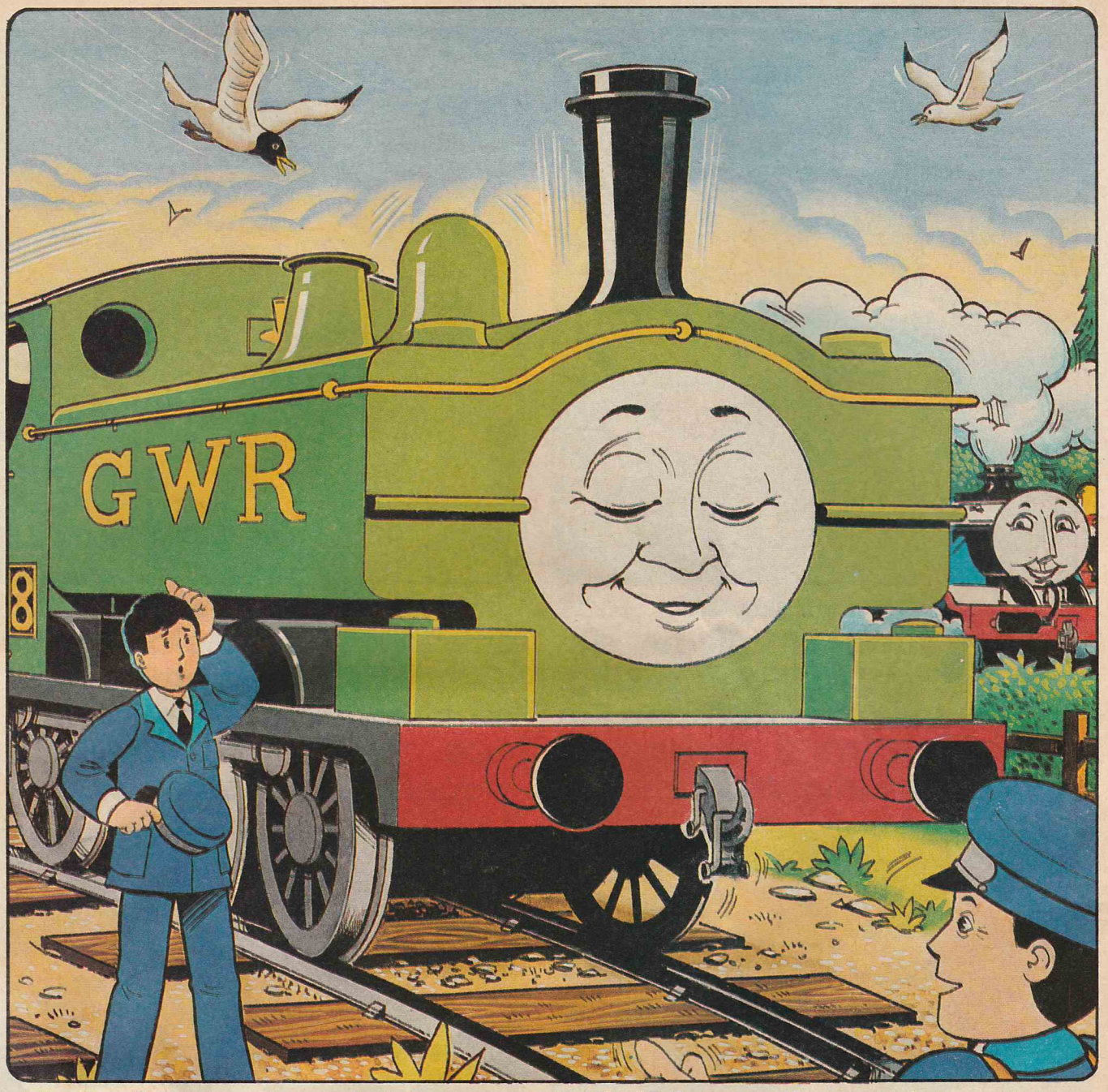
8. "Percy is scheduled to pull the post train," said the Fat Controller. "But I'm sure he won't mind if you take it." "Oh, good," said Duck eagerly. "I'm all ready to go!"



9. "Not so fast," laughed the Fat Controller. "The post train doesn't leave yet!" Duck worked busily through the night pulling the post train, but still he didn't feel tired.



10. "Good morning, Henry!" said Duck. "Is it morning?" yawned Henry. "Yes," said Duck. "Can I pull the Flying Kipper?" "Oh, yes please," sighed Henry sleepily.



11. So Henry closed his eyes and went back to sleep. Meanwhile, Duck hurried off with the Flying Kipper to collect the fresh fish from the Harbour. Later that morning, the Stationmaster stood waiting for Duck to collect a light goods train. "Has anybody seen Duck, today?" he asked. "He took the Flying Kipper this morning," said Gordon.

12. "I haven't seen him since this morning," said James. The Stationmaster looked down the siding and there was poor Duck, fast asleep! I can't manage to keep Duck's fire burning," said the fireman. "He's been working all night," said his driver. "Even engines who **feel** brand new need to have their rest!" laughed the Stationmaster.

THE END

In our next issue: A treat for Thomas!

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A PAINT PALETTE FOR YOU!

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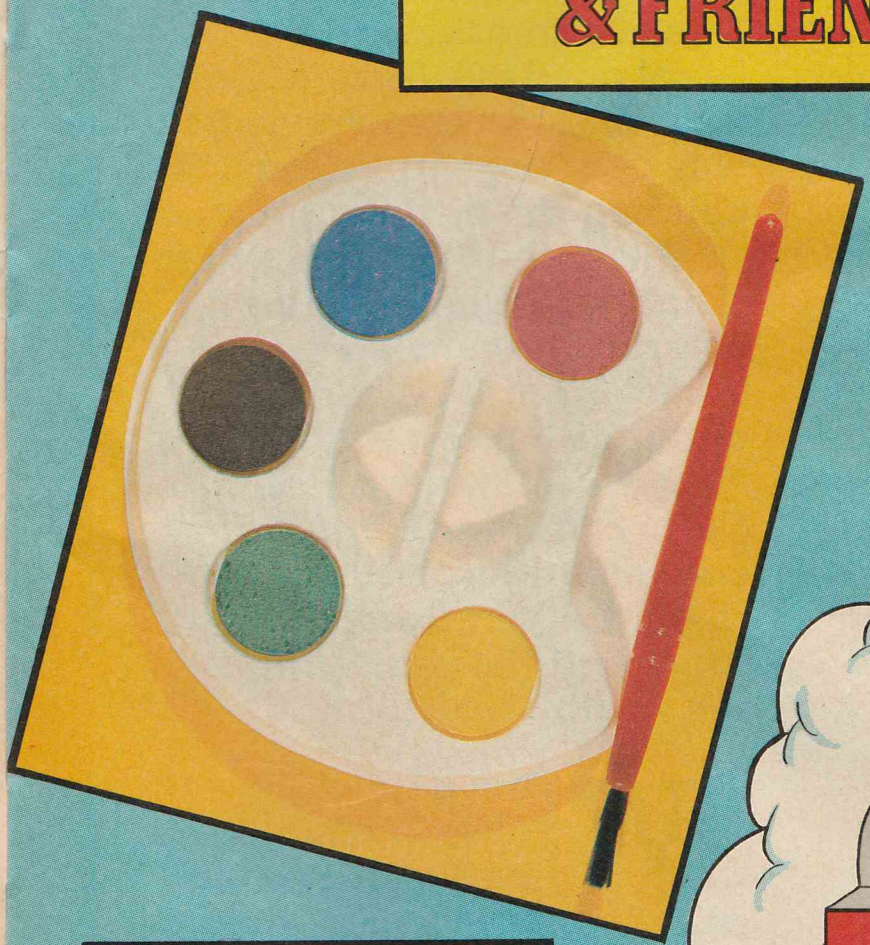
THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE & FRIENDS



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Classroom in a Coach

It had rained heavily all night, on the Island of Sodor. When Thomas chuffed out of the engine shed, the next morning, he was pleased to see that the sun had come out and was warming his wheels.
"Wheesh!" said Thomas happily. Today, Thomas had a very special job to do and he wanted to look his best. "The rain would have spoiled my polished paintwork," he said. "I'm so glad it's sunny!"
"I'm the smartest engine around here," boasted Gordon. "And I do the most important job. I pull the Express!"
But, today, Thomas felt just as proud as Gordon. He was very excited, too.

"The Fat Controller is visiting the school, this morning, to tell the children all about this railway," Thomas explained to Gordon.

children

"And I am going to take him there!"
Just then, the Fat Controller arrived, he looked anxious.
"The headmaster had telephoned me, Thomas, He's cancelled our appointment."
"Oh, dear," sighed Thomas. "The children will be disappointed."
"The headmaster has closed the school while the roof is being repaired," continued the Fat Controller. "It leaked last night and let in lots of water."
"Could we perhaps let the children sit in Annie, my faithful coach, while you tell them about the railway, sir?" suggested Thomas. "I'm sure she would like to help!"

"What a splendid idea, Thomas," said the Fat Controller. "I will telephone the headmaster right away. He can meet us with the children at the station by the school."
Thomas told Annie and she was very excited.
"We'll have fun," said Thomas, as they set off up the line.
When they reached the station by the school, the children were already waiting. They had each

brought a pencil and a notebook. The Fat Controller stepped out on to the platform to welcome them. "Come inside and sit down, everyone," he said.
The Fat Controller met the headmaster and another teacher. They had brought a big blackboard with them and some chalk. The blackboard was taken aboard Annie.
Then, very slowly, Thomas backed into a siding. Next, his driver and guard uncoupled Annie and Clarabel.

"Well done!" said the Fat Controller. "now off you go to collect your goods train, Thomas. But be sure to return here at twelve o'clock!"
"Yes, sir! I won't be late," said Thomas, and off he went.
The children were excited too, they had never been in a railway coach classroom before. As they sat quietly, the Fat Controller stood up and explained to them how his railway worked. He wrote down all the names of his trains on the blackboard with a piece of chalk.

Later that day, Thomas returned right on time.
"I have told you everything I can, children," said the Fat Controller. "Would you like a ride on my railway now?"
All the children cheered. "Oh, yes please," they chorused.
So Thomas was once again coupled up to Annie and Clarabel. As they set off, the children thought it was the best outing they had ever had.
"Peep! Peep!" called Thomas Happily. "All aboard the School Train Special!"

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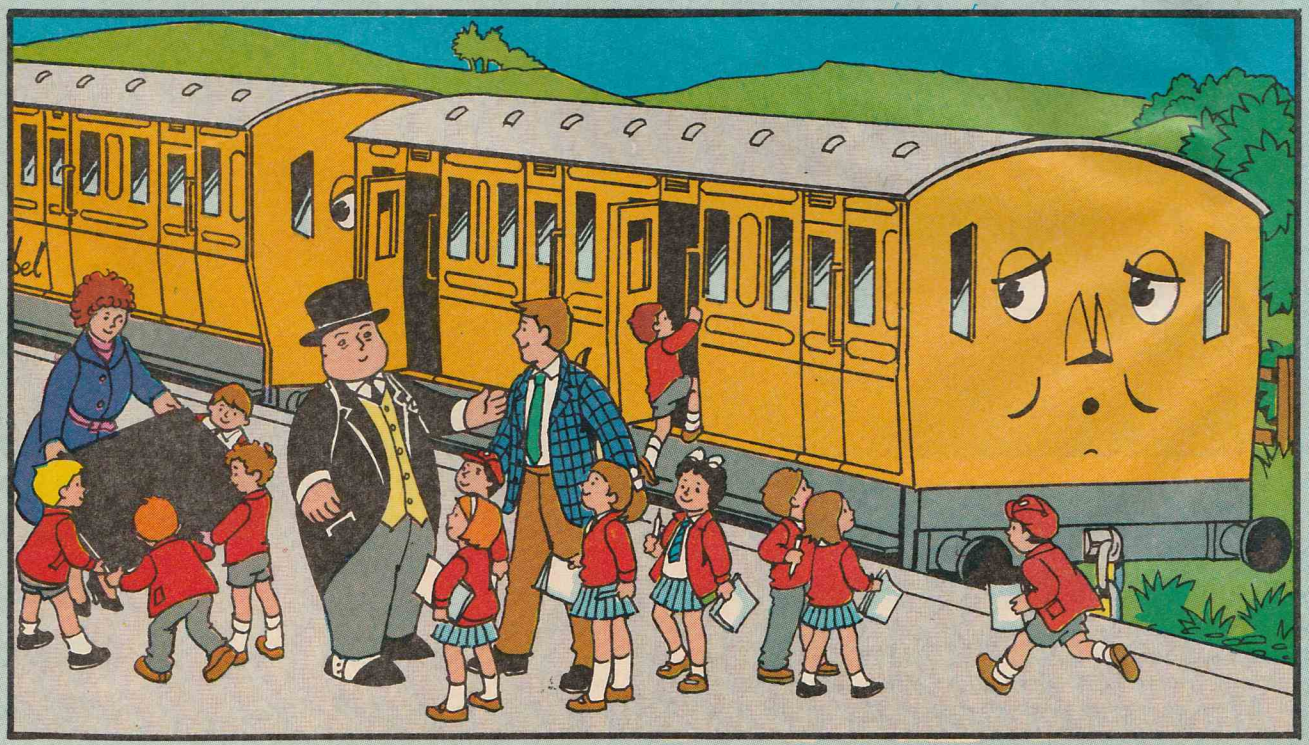

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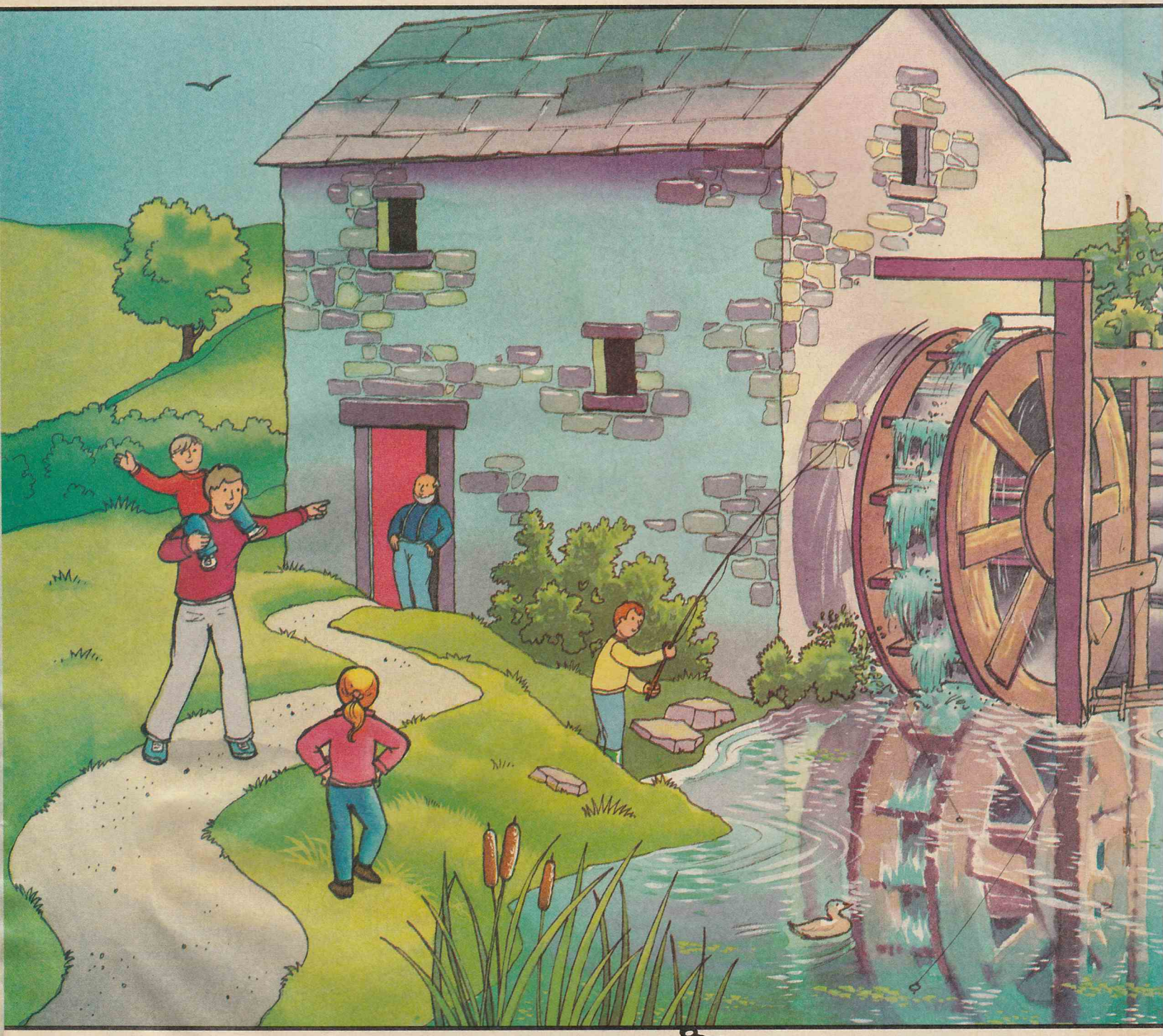

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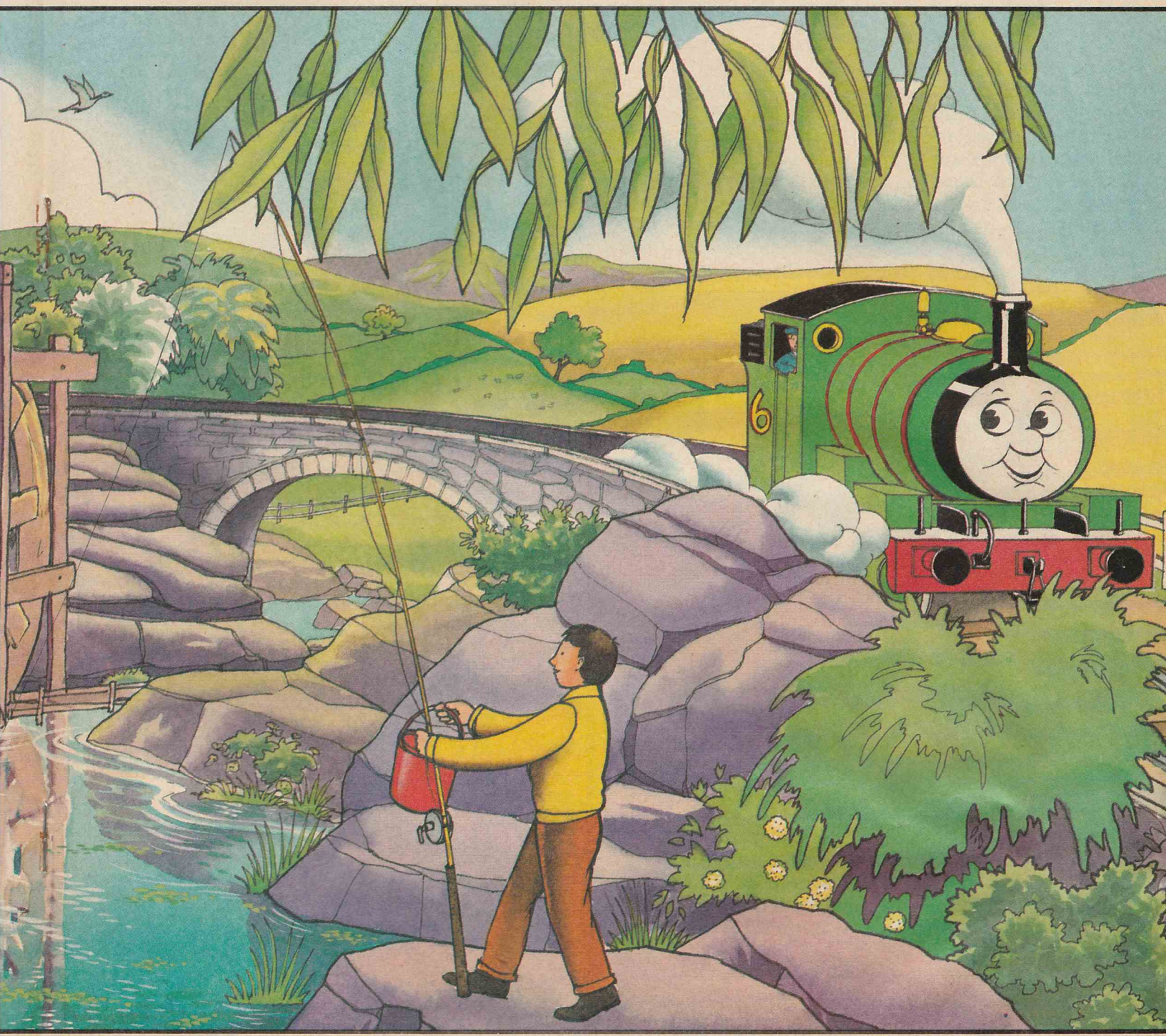

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ny ducks can you see?

Note for parents

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Next issue: Harvesting the fields!

COMPETITION!

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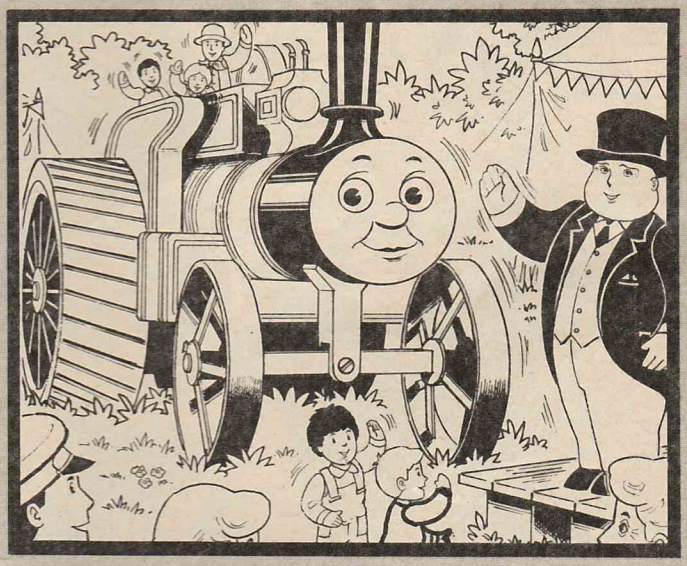

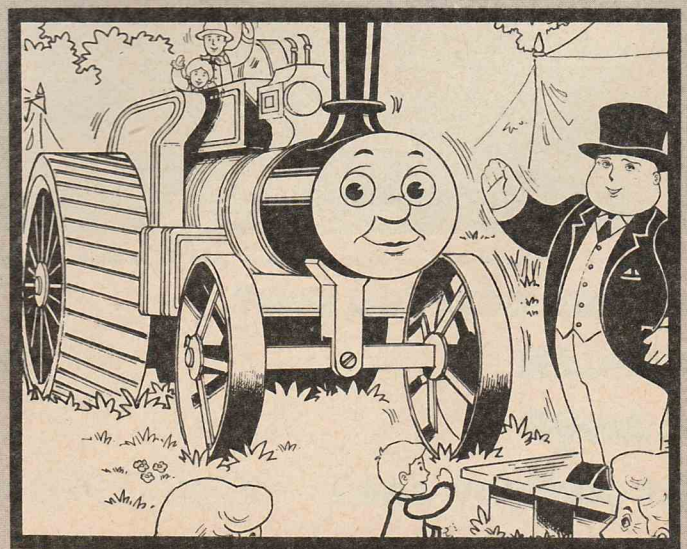

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My favourite Engine is .....
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Closing date: 27th September 1991.

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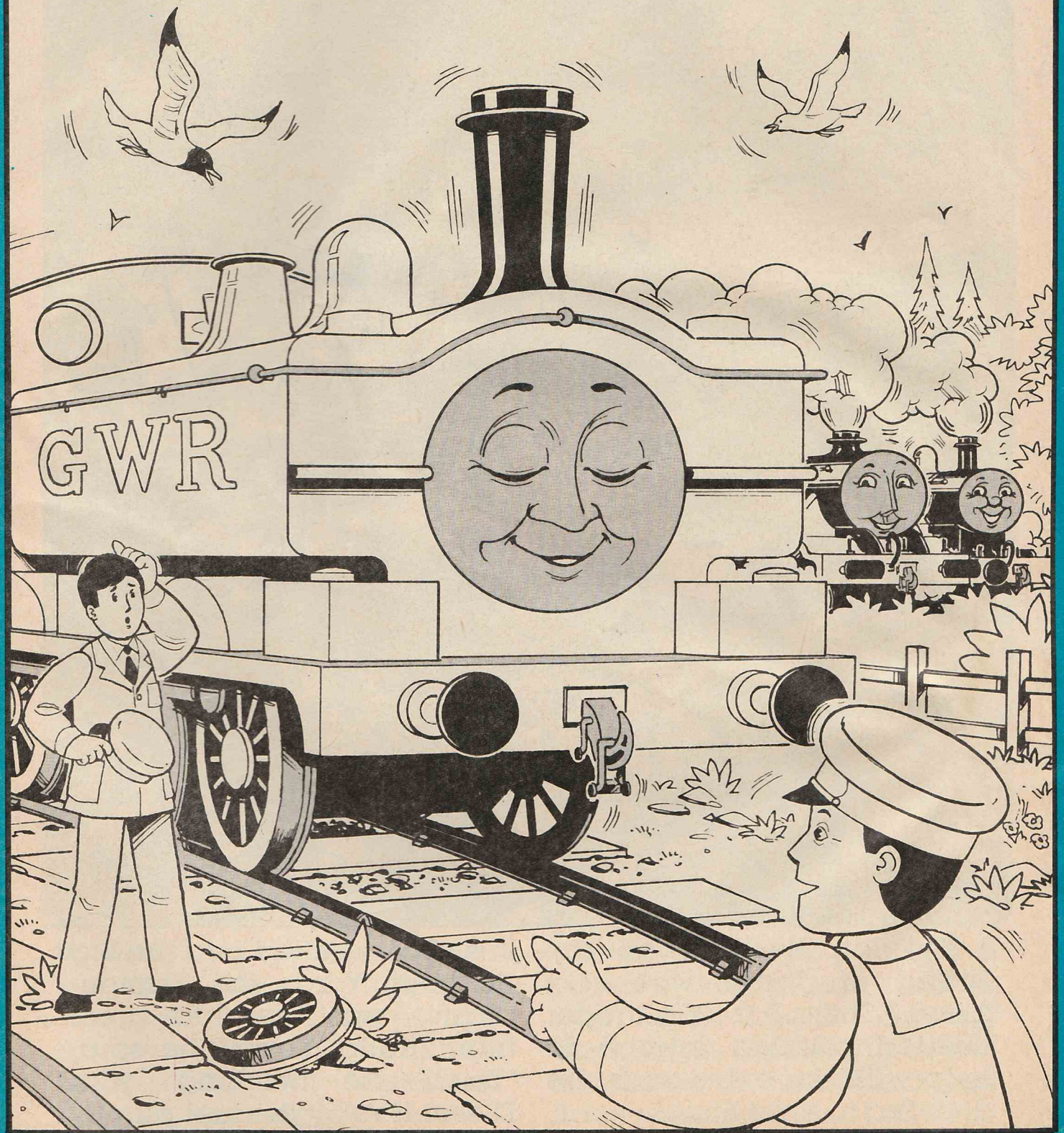
COLOURING TIME!

**Duck has been specially cleaned for you,
When he's coloured, he'll look brand new!**



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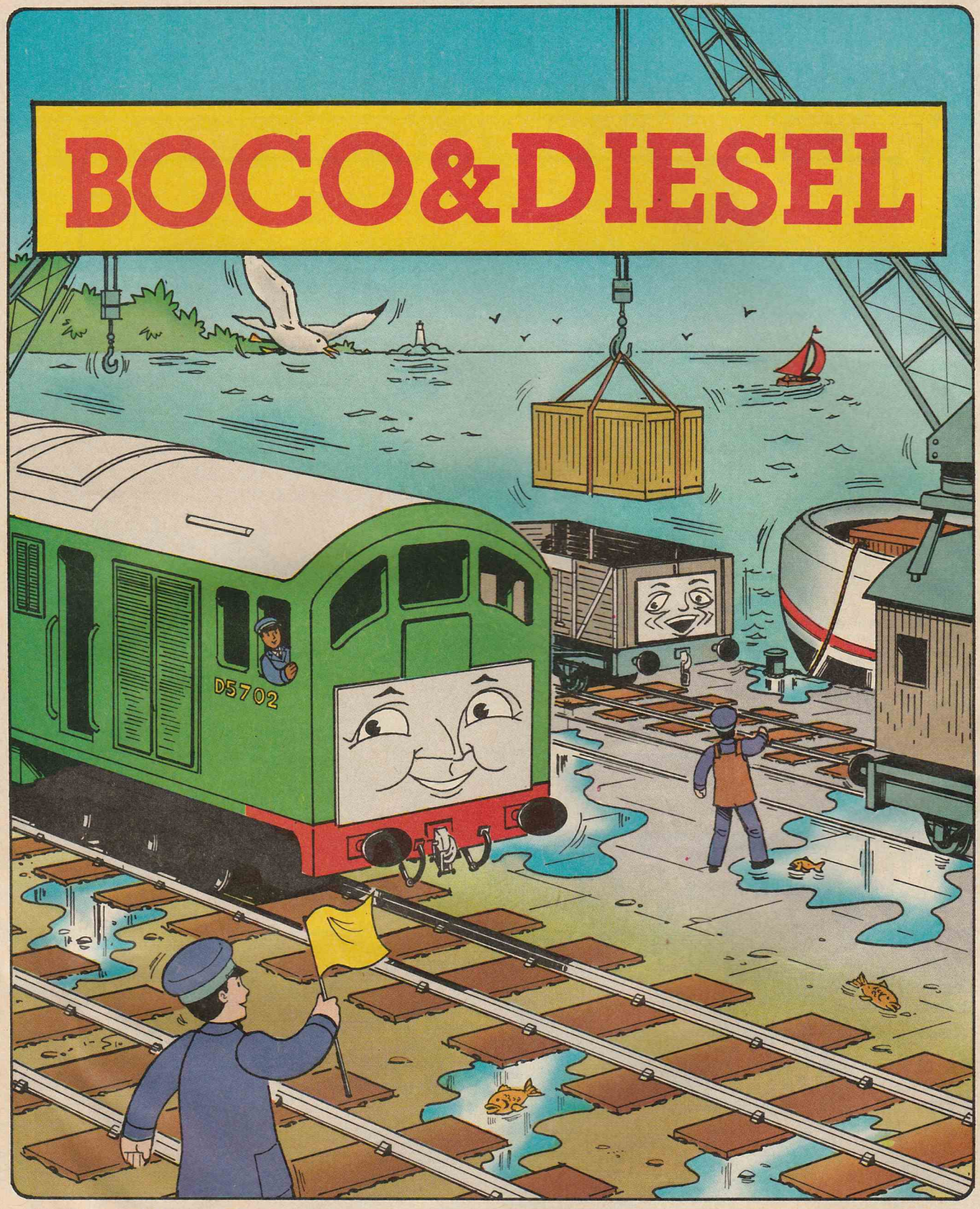
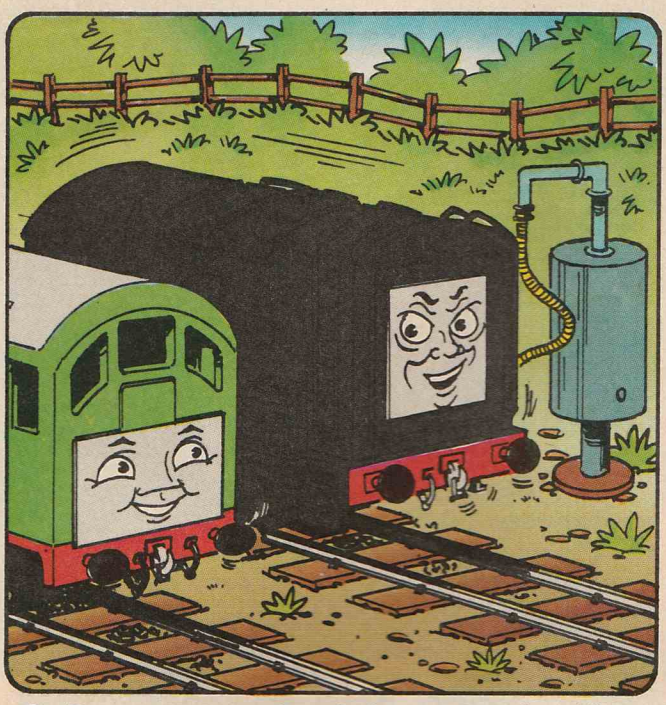
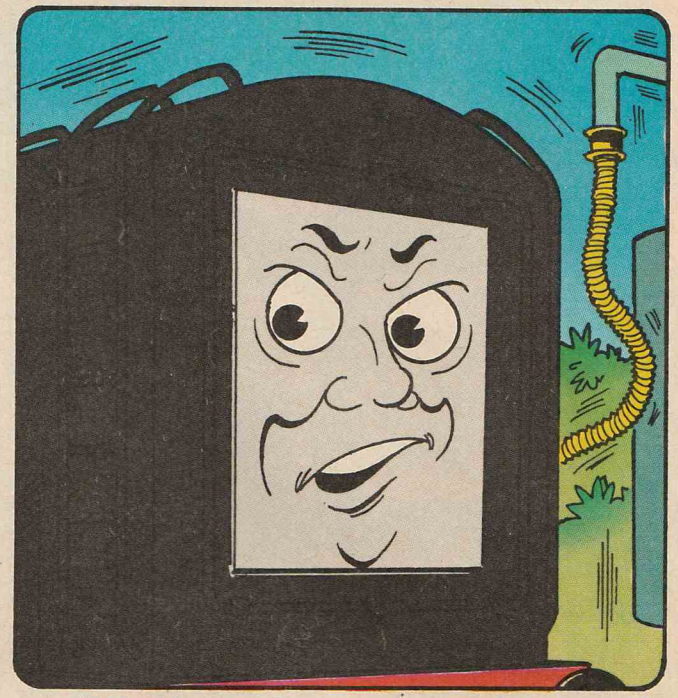


1. The Big Harbour on the Island of Sodor was very busy. The Fat Controller needed another engine to help with the extra work. He decided to send Boco.

2. As Boco pulled into the Big Harbour Yard, the Station-master was there to greet him. "Hullo, Boco!" he said. "You'll be working with Diesel. He's by the fuel pump."



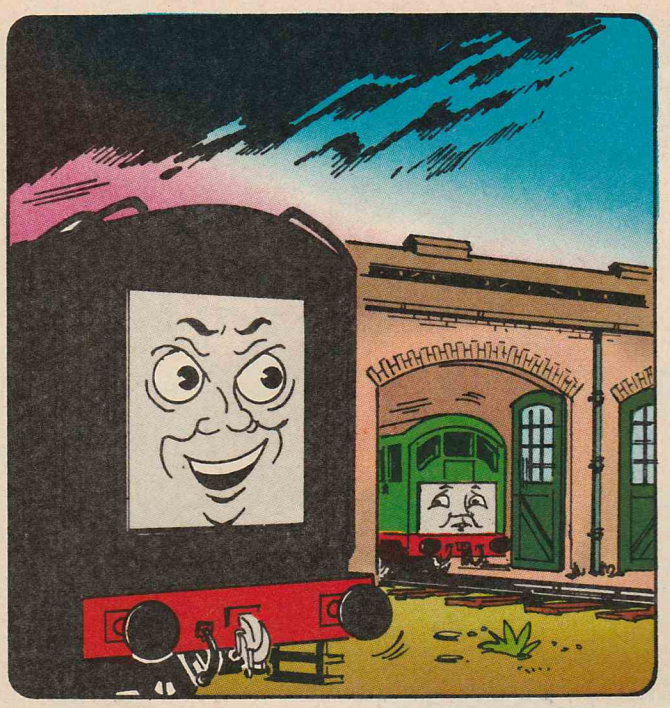
3. Boco made his way to the fuel pump. "Hullo, Diesel!" he whistled. "Hullo," hissed Diesel in his oily voice. "The Stationmaster said we're to work together," said Boco.



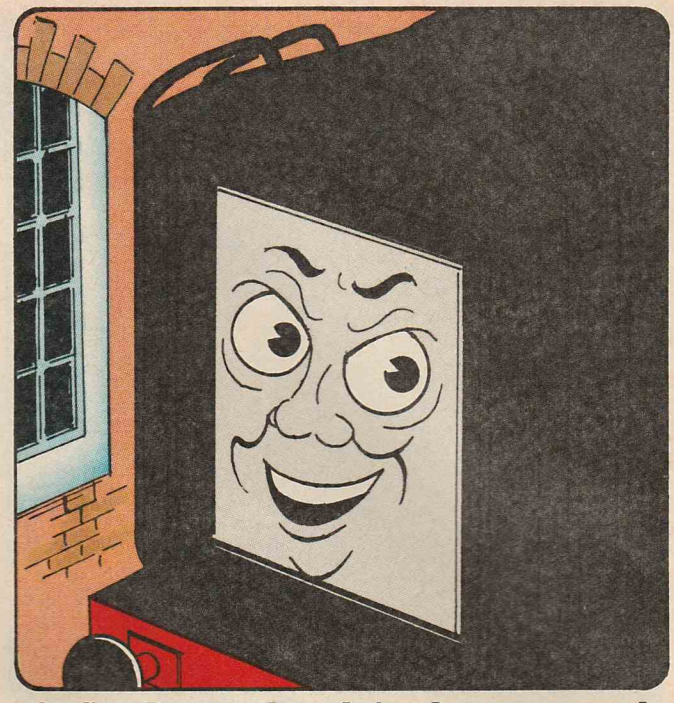
4. "Wait a minute," said Diesel crossly. "Can't you see that I'm re-fueling?" "I don't like being interrupted by engines when I'm busy." "I need some fuel myself," said Boco.

5. "Well, find another pump," snapped Diesel unhelpfully. "But there is no other pump!" protested Boco. "My tank has to be filled with diesel fuel before I can help."

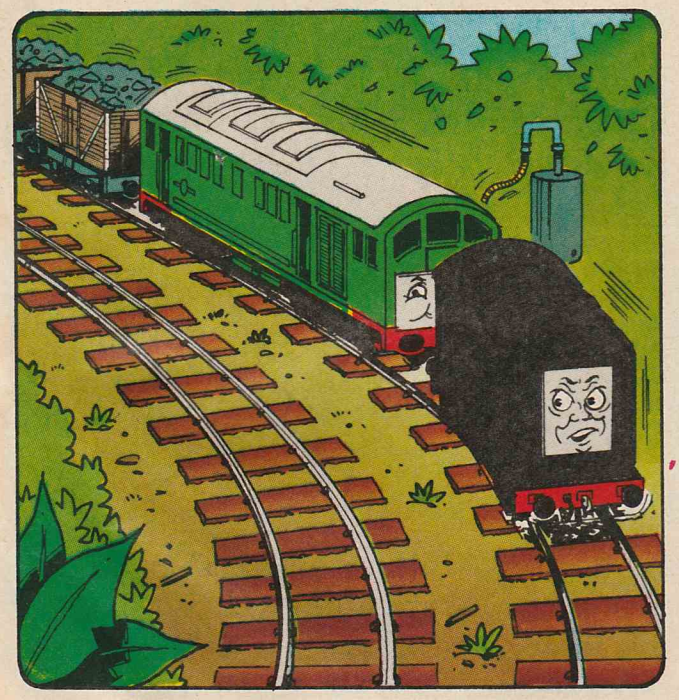
6. Eventually Boco found a different fuel pump, and he was soon back moving trucks with Diesel. But Diesel continued to be unkind and Boco was cross.



7. Boco was pleased that night when his driver backed him into the shed and turned off his engine. Boco rested until Diesel arrived. "Get out of my way!" he said rudely.

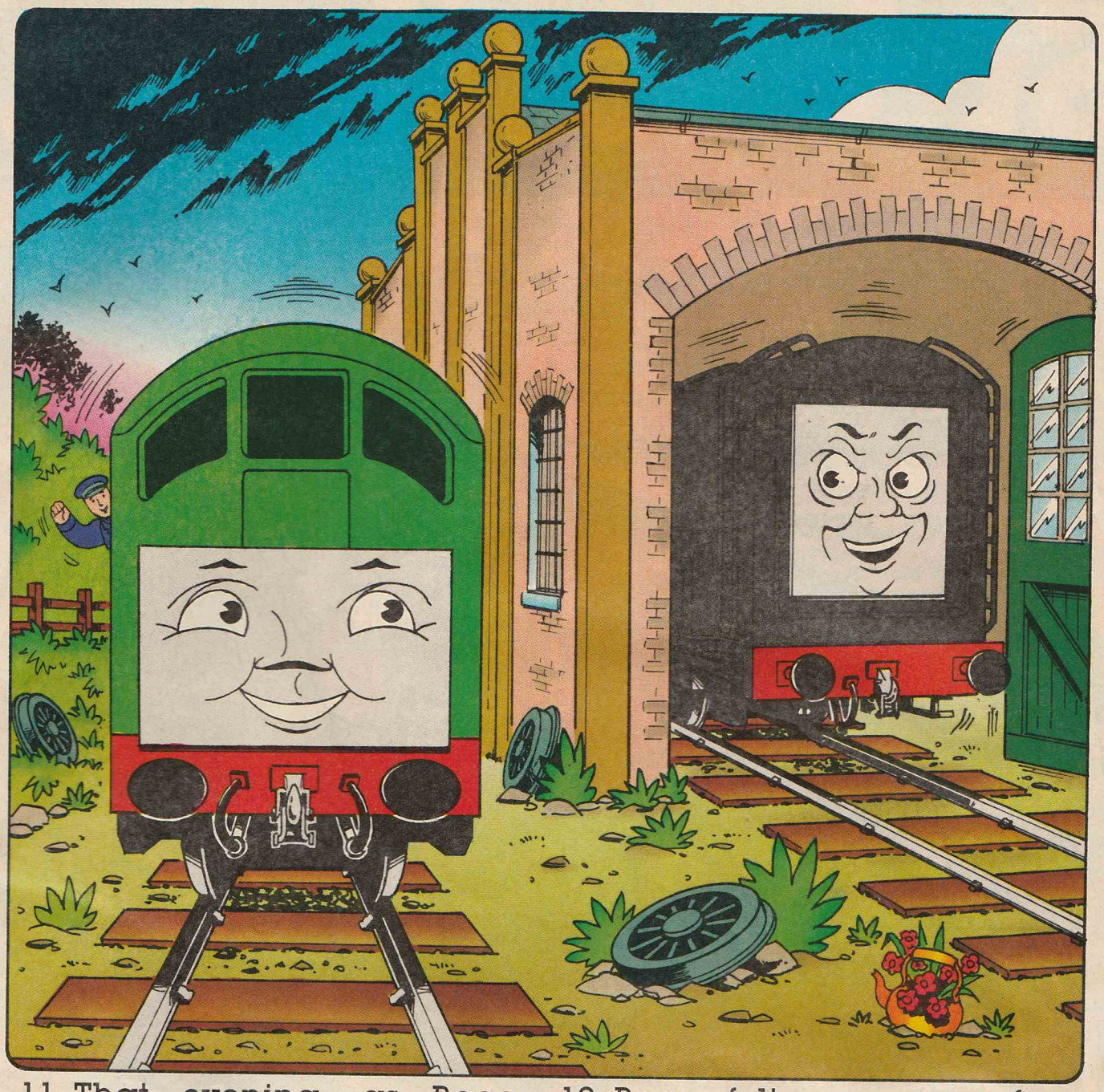


8. So Boco had to be moved and put into another place in the shed. The next day Boco tried hard to please Diesel, but Diesel just made him feel miserable.



9. Together they shunted trucks and pulled goods trains, but Diesel always complained. He grumbled most when Boco had to fill up at his fuel pump.

10. Boco was relieved when it was his last day in the Harbour Yard. He was looking forward to working with his friends again at the Main Station Yard.



11. That evening, as Boco hurried back to the Main Station, he was surprised to see Diesel standing on a siding. "It's getting late! Why aren't you in your shed?" asked Boco. "It's nearly night time!" "I can't move," sighed Diesel. "My driver is unwell and had to go home. I can't move without a driver."

12. Boco felt very sorry for Diesel. "My driver could take you to the shed," said Boco kindly. Boco stood patiently while his driver went back to start up Diesel. Once Diesel was safely in his shed, Boco pulled away and he was sure he heard a little voice cry, "Thank you. You can use my fuel pump whenever you like." His driver heard it too!

THE END

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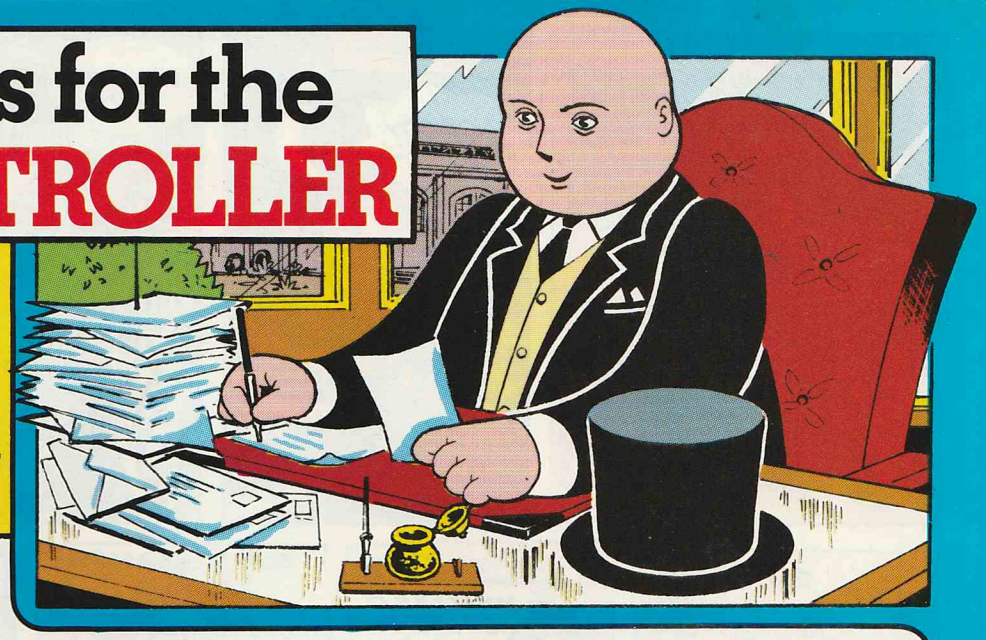

Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas or his friends? If so, then write to me at the address shown below! I would be so very pleased to hear from you!

STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller,
James is red
Edward is blue
Gordon is big
– a little like you!
Percy is cheeky
Henry is green
Boco's a diesel
And he doesn't puff steam!
All of the engines are good fun
But the one that's most useful
Is my No 1
It's Thomas the Tank
With his helpful way
And reading about him
Just brightens my day!

Love from **Ben Newton Syms**, aged 3

Gracious me! What wonderful poetry! Your marvellous rhyme has won a prize, To write some more would be very wise!

The sender of any letter that is printed as our **STAR LETTER** will win a splendid **Thomas**, **James** and **Henry 3-piece diecast set** from *ERTL (UK) Ltd.*

CHEERY ENGINE!

Dear Fat Controller,
My little brother Jamie and my baby sister Joanne both have chicken pox. Last week, Jamie was smothered from head to foot in spots and he was quite unhappy so my dad went and bought him Trevor to cheer him up!

Lots of love, **Gemma.**

I must say that your daddy made a very wise decision to bring Trevor along! He is the most popular engine with all the children on the Island of Sodor because he makes them feel very happy too!

SAD ENGINES!

Dear Fat Controller,
What do you do when the engines become sad? Do you talk to them and try to make them happy again?

Love from **Laura Smith**, aged 5.

Upon my soul! *I do feel that it is a very important part of my job to keep all the engines happy so that they enjoy their work on the railway!*

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Sir Topham Hatt
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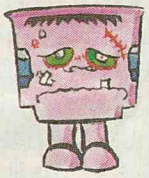

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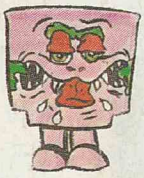

TONGUE TWISTER

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FIENDISH FEET

THEY'RE FAR TOO GOOD TO BE BAD!!!

MOANING MUMMY

CHEESEY WHEESEY – CHEESE SPREAD –

MONSTER MOUSSE DAIRY DESSERT LOW FAT YOGURT TREMBLERS